

HOW DAY ENDS IN DESERT

When the Sun Sets the Colors in the Sky and Earth Are Almost Too Beautiful for Description.

A fitting close to a day of songbirds and flowers is a desert sunset! The Calico mountains to the north first announce the day's decline. Late in the afternoon its rents and gashes become masses of purple shadow, strikingly outlined by the exposed sunlit stretches which are gradually absorbed until the whole mountain is dull and lifeless. When the sun is low, the rugged range to the southwest is tinged with a rosy glow varying from a dull pink to a deep rose, into which a purple hue gradually blends till it subdues all the brightness and the purple, in turn, changes to blue. As the sun sinks out of sight the light clouds in the east become softly pink, the color spreading around to the north, and finally centering in the west, where the clouds are masses of burnished gold, which merge into a brilliant rose color. Sometimes between the bright clouds and the horizon is a stretch of delicate green, with a hint of yellow light shining through; and always, in living over a desert sunset, you will see the soft circling flight of the night hawk skimming over the ground and hear the low call of the dove. When the brightness has faded and the blue has crept in and banished the red you draw a deep breath and feel yourself a part of the peace and quiet of the sky. You begin to understand the lure of the desert. You feel as if body and soul had always been crowded for room and had suddenly been set free in this immensity. When night falls and you lie down to sleep under the sky thickly studded with stars the clear wind-swept air caresses your cheek with a touch as soft as velvet and you fall asleep thanking God for this country of vast spaces and rugged mountains, the playground of mighty winds, and sleep under the stars is sweet and refreshing.—Mary Alberta Beal in the Outlook.

ART CRITICISM IN KANSAS

Harvey Parsons Found Much Fault With His Friend's Picture of the Girl and the Cow.

Albert T. Reid and Harvey Parsons, two well known Kansas artists, are very good friends. Reid was one of Parsons' teachers. Recently Reid drew a handsome water-color picture depicting a very prettily dressed girl in a milkmaid's costume. She had one arm thrown lovingly about the neck of a big, fine Holstein cow—the kind they raise in Kansas. In the other hand she carried a pail. The girl and the cow were wandering through a field of daisies. It is a good piece of work and is accepted readily and gladly by the scholars who ordered it. Just about the time Reid had it finished Parsons wandered into his studio.

"What are you working on?" asked Parsons. Reid pointed to an easel on which stood the picture of the girl and a cow. Parsons looked it over for some time, blowing out a big wreath of pipe smoke, asked: "What is the girl going to do?" "Going to do?" ejaculated Reid. "Why, milk the cow, of course." "What is she doing with her arm around the cow's neck?" asked Parsons. "Leading the animal to the lot," replied Reid, mixing some paint. "Well, where is the milk pail?" demanded Parsons. "She hasn't any milk pail," replied Reid. "H'm," replied Parsons. "Then maybe she isn't going to milk the cow?" "Well, maybe she isn't," asserted Reid. "Well, if she isn't," persisted Parsons, blowing another puff of smoke, "what is the girl going to do with that thing?" "Oh," asserted Reid, "she is going to the darned cow over the head with—Kansas City Journal.

Roughing It.

James J. Hill, at one of the Convention congress banquets in St. Paul, told a railway story. When sleeping cars first came in," said Hill, "the bedclothes in the berths were very scanty. On one of these cars one night after everybody had turned in and the lights were low and voice called from an upper berth, 'porter, got a corkscraw?' The porter came hurrying down the aisle. 'Boss,' he said, 'in a scandalized way, we don't allow no drinkin' in berths. It's against the rules.' 'Oh, it ain't that, porter,' the voice cried. 'I just want to dig out a corkscraw that sort of worked its way in my ear.'"

The Worm.

Insist upon an allowance of \$500 a month—not a penny less!" he cried. "Sure! That's more than I pay you," she retorted with curling lips. "Then get your cook to dance at all manner of borosome parties, to give you the face to do an unmarried woman never do; to be always at hand yet out of way; never to mind no matter how you choose to conduct yourself—just to be a husband to you in modern sense of the term!" he said defiantly. "I perceived that the worm had been in my head," she said, and he for her checkbook.—Puck.

THE COMFORTER OF PROMISE

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you shall not dash your foot against a stone, shall not stumble and shall not fall? Don't you know that the Bible teaches us that God said, "Come unto me, * * * and I will give rest?" Don't you know that as you turn to him you will find him not a mighty potentate afar off, but a tender, loving, passionate Father, right at your side, a very present help at your side, a very present help in trouble? And don't you know that in proportion as you accept the knowledge that God is Love, the very radiance and glory of His divine effulgence will descend upon you, and make you free? And it has made me free. It touched me and cleansed me from the sin of believing that God, the one whose eyes behold everything and yet is "of purer eyes than to behold evil, and cannot look on iniquity," as Habakkuk tells us, had sought to do with my suffering, or with any suffering. The chief mission of Christian Science is to show to every man, woman and child just as it did to me, that the belief that suffering is from the omnipotent and all powerful God is untrue, giving succor from the suffering which legitimately goes with any such belief.

Right at this point the question naturally arises who does the Christian Scientist mean when he says that sin, disease and death are unreal? Do Christian Scientists mean to say that there is no such thing? Do the Christian Scientists, in saying there is no such thing as sin, give to the world the power to say and do anything evil, and then claim sin in nothing! The law of justice demands compensation of mankind before it may rise higher in right apprehension of Truth, and enforces penalties to force progress along right lines.

The law of God never pardons sin in the manner we have always believed but, in its changeless and inexorable nature, demands that sin be forsaken before the penalty can be escaped thus eliminating the apparent cause and effect at one and the same time.

Christian Science on this question as to what constitutes sin goes deeper than any teaching that the world accept today. Christian Science teaches us that a man may seem to keep every one of the moral laws of the land! He may seemingly be one of the sweetest characters that the world knows, and yet be a sinner. The Bible teaches that we shall be held accountable for every idle word, and surely every word that we utter which does not glorify God, in some way, is an idle word. And what are words? Simply the outward manifestation of the thoughts which precede them. Therefore that statement means we shall be held accountable for every thought we think that does not glorify God and His Christ. Our Master taught that the thought must be made right; for he said, if one looks with adulterous eyes, he is an adulterer. Therefore, if it is true that the thought of adultery constitutes adultery, it is true that every sinful, unrighteous, unclean, unholiness, uncleanliness, unholiness, and the redemptive mission of Christian Science and its chief purpose on earth, is to teach mankind to guard his thought, and keep that pure, for in proportion as he does this, is he obedient to the law of God.

What do we mean when we say that sin, disease and death are unreal? Christian Science gives men just one standard whereby all things are measured by the standard of the perfection of God, and if in any particular it fails to measure up to that standard, it is of necessity cast to one side as ungodly; and if it is ungodly, it is not eternal; and if it is not eternal, it is not real. Therefore when a Christian Scientist says sin, disease and death are not real, he is saying in other words that they are ungodly, unholiness, and unrighteous, that they constitute the things from which we are to be saved. To enlarge on this thought a little, take the statement that we live, move and have our being in God. Then add to that the statement, there is no place where God is not. In other words, that God is omnipresent, as the Bible teaches us. Then we can begin to see that if as the Bible teaches us, God is the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last, and with it all, as it teaches us in another place, the One altogether lovely, we can see from that standpoint that nothing really exists save that which exists in God, that the real standpoint from which the Christian Scientists determine as to what is real and what is unreal is this: That that which is real, is that which can and does live and exist in God, and that that which is unreal is that which can not and does not live nor exist in God, and therefore has no real existence.

The next question is, what position do the Christian Scientists accord to Mrs. Eddy? Do they place Mrs. Eddy on the same plane with Christ? Do they consider her a mediator? It happens that I have something I have been

carrying in my pocket for a good many years, that answers this question in Mrs. Eddy's own words a great deal better than I could possibly answer it. This is a little article written by Mrs. Eddy herself and printed in the New York World February 1, 1895, in which Mrs. Eddy writes this: "There never was, is not now, and never can be but one God, one Christ, one Jesus of Nazareth. Whoever in any age expresses most of the spirit of truth and love, the principle of God's idea, has most of the spirit of Christ, of that Mind which was in Christ Jesus. If Christian Scientists find in my writings, and example of greater degree of this spirit than in others, they can justly declare it. But to think or speak of me in any manner as a Christ is sacrilegious."

It does not seem possible there is anyone who believes that the Christian Scientists have ever thought of the Leader of our movement as Christ. The meekness and humility of our Leader is pointing us always away from her and to Christ as our Shepherd, it seems to me, should have before now settled this question everlastingly. Christ? No. Jesus of Nazareth? No. But one of the meekest and most humble followers of our Master ever had on the surface of this earth. Striving not for personal advancement, striving not for personal glory, capable of having an adulation that would exceed anything in this world if she demanded it. Mrs. Eddy has adored everything of that kind, and has said, Look away from me, and unto Christ. She watches, strives and prays in season and out of season to have more of that Mind in her which was also in Christ Jesus, in order that she may emulate the example He has set for us, and so prove unto the whole world the truth of Christ's teaching, so that man may read as he runs, and the veriest child may understand and know God and His Christ. The position that Mrs. Eddy occupies is that of a channel of grace that has been so cleansed and so purified by striving, watching and praying, that through her has come into this world the Comforter and our Master promised he would send, and that should never leave us comfortless; the Comforter that is in our midst today, binding up broken hearts, healing us from all diseases, and delivering us from all our iniquities. It has been said that we Christian Scientists worship Mrs. Eddy, and that statement has gone hand in hand with the belief that we have placed her on a plane with Christ. I want to tell you there is not a Christian Scientist who worships Mrs. Eddy, or any other person, for the instant that personal worship enters into consciousness, that self-same instant one ceases to be a Christian Scientist. No, no, we do not worship her, but we do love her. We love her with a love that transcends any that may be described. We love her for her self-sacrifice. It is because of her constancy in season and out of season, sitting always at the feet of our Master, striving, watching and praying for more of that spirit to be in her, which was in Christ Jesus, that she is the channel through which this Comforter comes to man! And because through this Comforter, thousands have been raised out of sickness and ruin and pain and death, do we give to the one who made this possible, the love and devotion to which she is justly entitled. We give our allegiance to Mrs. Eddy, and she occupies the position of Leader in our Cause, because to her first came the efficiency of Christian Science. Then she left friends, relatives, everybody, and secluded herself that she might study to find out the law that was back of what Jesus had accomplished on earth. She grew to the absolute knowledge that those things were not exceptional, not occasional, but were the manifestation of God's law, and realized when that law was known, those selfsame things would be accomplished by every man, woman and child on the face of the earth. Never was one so blessed and so wonderfully cared for as was she while she communed with God in those years. The result of her communion. It has meant to me personally, the difference between a dead boy in Brookline, Mass., many years ago, and a live man now. It has meant the difference between a wrong comprehension of God which engendered hate, and a right comprehension of him, which has made me desire nothing on earth so much as to be found good enough to speak the word unto those who are seeking light, in order that they too may partake of Christ's cup, and be one with our elder Brother in the knowledge and light of God.

Do we put the Christian Science text book, "Science and Health With Key to the Scriptures," which Mrs. Eddy has written, on a plane with the Bible? No, we do not, and we never have. There is just one Bible, and that Bible is the Holy Bible that is used, loved and revered by Christians all over the globe. That is our Bible, only we are pretty old fashioned about such things! We are so old fashioned about our Bible, that our churches use no other, than the King James Version, because in that old text we have found sufficient food to sustain us and lead us on the journey of darkness into light. The Christian Science text book is exactly what it is called, a text book. Now a text book to be a text book must be a text book about something, and the Christian Science text book is a text book about the only thing that is worth knowing, and that is knowledge of God the Truth, which our Bible teaches us, makes man free. I have met people who have said, "I have read that book through from cover to cover, and I cannot make head or tail out of it. It looks to me as though you could begin at the beginning and go through, begin at the end and go to the beginning, or begin in the middle and read both ways, and it would be just the same!" So it would. Truth is Truth. It does not make any difference whether you begin at the left and go to the right, or begin at the right and go to the left, or in the middle, the text book on Truth brings you exactly the same knowledge, no matter in what way you use it, if you use it intelligently. Suppose one should come to you and say, "You know I never have studied mathematics at all. I never had a chance when I was a boy, and never had time since I have grown up. So I went to the library one day, and got an arithmetic, an algebra, a geometry, a trigonometry and calculus, and I have been at those things for the last six months, I have read those books through, and I tell you I cannot make head or tail of them. There is nothing in them." Suppose a man should come to you who had never studied anything but English, and should say to you, "I was awfully swindled the other day; I went to a store, saw a book I liked; it was small, compact, and I was pleased with the appearance of it, and they told me it was Homer's Iliad. When I took it home and opened it, there was not an intelligible word in it! I was simply out so much for nothing." What would you think of him? Would you think he was intelligent? Would you think he was intellectual? When we come to the use of the text book on spiritual things and endeavor to materially study those spiritual things, we find ourselves face to face with an impossibility. It cannot be done. The wise men, the Scribes and Pharisees of Jesus' time, the men who examined into the theology that he taught, went so far astray from the truth he expressed, the Master was called on to say, "I thank Thee, Oh Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes."

When I was a school boy my reader had in it the story of a beautiful shield which hung over a road. One day two knights approaching the shield from opposite directions stopped, as was the custom, to salute each other before passing under it. After exchanging salutations one of the knights remarked, "What a beautiful silver shield!" The other knight responded, "Surely it is beautiful, but it is not silver but golden." The other knight said in reply, "Nay, 'tis silver." This started a controversy which finally led the knights to endeavor to kill each other. Setting their lances they ran full tilt at each other but did no damage! As they turned again to charge, they found themselves on the opposite side of the shield from which they had started and, glancing up, saw that each had been right in their statement, for the shield was silver on one side and gold on the other. They say they had been looking at it from the wrong standpoint to understand the other's views as to what it was made of. The only standpoint from which you can consider spiritual things, is from Christ Jesus' standpoint. It is impossible to conceive of anything in His teachings other than from the standpoint of His knowledge of God, and His knowledge of Life, which is His lesson as He learned it and as He lived it, for you and me to learn and live. If you should read any text book, and did not take the statements it propounds for the purpose of working out the examples of problems it states, you would never know whether it were true or otherwise. There is only one way to prove a text book and its teachings, and that is to take what it teaches make absolute use of it, see the answer you get from the problem you have worked, and then you are in a position to know and determine the correctness of its teachings.

Christian Scientists have been using "Science and Health With Key to the Scriptures" for a good many years. They have not been just reading. I think that all will agree with me that the trouble in the Christian world is that there is too much reading of the Bible, and too little study of it. The Bible needs study. It has lessons for every one of us, and not one but that may be comprehended by everyone if they will study their Bible intelligently, and from the standpoint from which Jesus looked at things and so see that that which He and His disciples and His followers for 300 years accomplished, was not a special dispensation, but was the accomplishment and manifestation of knowing the truth. So our Christian Science text book is simply the book that we use to aid us in the study of our Bible. The Bible itself says that the "letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life." We have been

having the letter of our Bible for countless ages, and we have continued to prove that what we have gained has been its letter, because we have continued to die! And our Master said, "If a man keep my saying, he shall never taste death." I know the theological teaching is that what is meant in spiritual death, but if one will read the Bible and see what I refer to, they will see what He meant. There is no such thing as spiritual death and never was. God is Spirit. God is eternal life, and in Him there is no death, but Life everlasting. Our Master was very explicit on that point. The question comes, contemplating those he raised from the dead. Why did they not continue to exist here if He overcame death for them? The question answers itself. We have our own work to do finally! The dead Jesus raised were raised as the result of His demonstrated knowledge that Life is deathless. When this same question came again to those He had raised, they had the problem to solve themselves and were not able to do so at that time. This should show us beyond question that each one must work out his own Salvation some day and that Jesus is literally the "Way Shower."

Our Master was tempted like as you and I. He had to meet everything that you and I have to meet. He had to go through everything that you and I have to go through with. But our Master met all temptation as temptation, handled it as temptation, destroyed it as temptation, and so was without sin. It is no sin to be tempted, it is only sin to yield and so when our Master met and destroyed temptation as He did, He indicated to you and to me the way we must go and what we must do in order that we may work out our salvation. Not all the intercessory appeals, not all the sermons, not all the lectures that may ever be delivered will work out the salvation of mankind, or point out the Christ way of redemption. If they stop at the point of intercessory appeal, sermon and lecture! the works must go hand in hand with them in order that we may know the way and do Truth's bidding.

Now Christian Scientists know the more that one knows and has of religion the happier, the more joyous the freer he is. Religion is not something to make a long face about, it is something to make a man sing praises. It is not something to bring distress and unhappiness! It is something to bring deep peace in every way, and Christ Jesus has set standard of Christianity for every one of us, and when He set that standard, He pointed out to us the freedom and joy that might and should be ours if we were only obedient. He established the standard of Christianity when He made this statement: "He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than those shall he do because I go unto my Father." When He made that statement, He was healing the sick from all manner of diseases, and yet He said, I of myself am nothing. He said, it is the Father that works through me who accomplished all these things. Christian Scientists will say that they of themselves have never done one single redemptive thing on earth. It is the Mind which worked through Him and is now working through them that is doing the works today. The healing work that is accomplished under the mission of Christian Science is accomplished solely and wholly by and with the Word of God. So Christian Scientists do not consider a man has been healed simply because a pain has been stopped for him. We do not consider, as Christian Scientists, that a healing has been accomplished unless with the destroyed pain there has come greater love for God, greater love for Christ, greater willingness to follow in the footsteps of the Master, making for more meekness and humility, to serve and not to command, willing to serve and not to command, willing to do whatsoever comes unto him to do, so long as it may glorify God.

Jesus healed the sick from all kinds of diseases. It has been said that Christian Science is a very good thing for people who think they are sick, but when they have anything organically or fundamentally the matter, it is not a good thing, because it cannot do any good in such instances. Now I have told you what accomplishes the healing. And our Master, when the sick came to Him to be healed, did not say, If there is anything organic troubling you, anything functional? If there is it is your duty to go elsewhere for your healing, because I am handling only imaginary diseases. Our Bible teaches us that he healed the sick from all manner of diseases, that He cleansed the leper, that He cast out the evil spirits, that He raised the dead, that He walked on the water, that He fed the multitudes with fragments, that He stayed the raging tempest, that He disappeared from the multitude in one place and appeared before it in another, that He presented himself to His disciples through an unbroken wall. These are works that Christ Jesus accomplished while He was on earth, and it is not simply that I say so, it is not simply that Christian Science teaches it, Christ him-

self said, "He that believeth on Me, the works that I do shall he do also." Then from the standard that Christ has fixed in that statement, if we are not in some measure working to the accomplishment of the doing of every one of those things that He did, we belong to the class that He spoke of who at the latter day should say, Lord, Lord, and His response to them would be, I know you not. Why? Because they had not done the works which entitled them to call Him their Lord and Master.

It is said Christian Science is Theology, Science, Philosophy, therapeutics. The question may be asked what relation each of these phases bear one to the other and which comes first relatively. Christian Science is redemptive, its work is redemptive, and its work to be redemptive must be elemental. God during all eternity has builded all things that really are. The philosophy which is human takes man up to the door of hope puts a question mark upon it and leaves man hopeless. The philosophy of Christian Science takes man beyond the human concept into the Shekinah where Jesus has passed before us, away from the finite and up to infinite knowledge of God. The theology of Christian Science turns us absolutely to God as the only, the omniscient the omnipotent, the omnipresent all in all. The Science of Christian Science makes us turn to God as the only law maker and law giver. The therapeutics of Christian Science heal the sick by making us realize that God is Good and that nothing can come from God except good for cause and effect must agree. No one phase of Christian Science is greater than any other and singly and collectively Christian Science stands with man inside the door of hope, the irresistible irrefutable and irreversible Word of God. Recognition of God is the healing of the sick, knowledge that God is Soul, is eternal salvation. Until one has been a Christian Scientist, until one has felt fall from him the shackles of doubt and fear and unbelief, until one has found and felt the cleansing from hate, malice, jealousy, rage, self love, self will, self justification and self complacency, one has never known what it means to be free. To be free and to know what God is, eliminates the possibility of anything else really being. Christian Science teaches that all is infinite Mind and its infinite manifestation. We are told to pray for that Mind which was also in Christ Jesus. Christian Science teaches that Mind is God Teaching that God is infinite Mind, is simply saying God is omniscient. To say God is omniscient, is to say He has all knowledge. Knowledge implies intelligence, and intelligence is the activity of Mind.

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Our Bible teaches us that the carnal mind is death and the spiritual mind is eternal life. Let us accept this statement as true and cease our endeavor to justify ourselves and seek rather to justify God in all His changeless glory and majesty.

We may not intellectually discern the Spirit of Christ's teachings but must intelligently accept them and so grow in grace that the Light shall dawn on our consciousness and bring us to the realization that there is no Way, no Will, no Law save God's the result of this faithfulness being the attainment of the Kingdom of God and His righteousness which our Bible teaches are within spiritual man.

We Christian Scientists in our daily living, are striving to do unto others as we would that others should do unto us. We are finding it is true that, if we seek one another's good, that if we are obedient, there does come unto us that great Love that is God. We find that that Love is our Shepherd; that it makes us to lie down in the green pastures of fulfilled promises. We find that the same Love leads us beside the still waters of the river of eternal Life.

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